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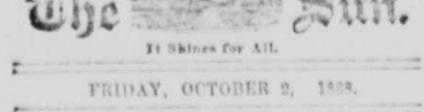
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The Issue Fairly Stated—SEYMOUR OR GRANT?

Our friends of the *Express*, with the sagacity that always marks experienced and astute politicians have, on the solar, second thought, retired from the arena of passion and entered the field of argument. In a recent article they implicitly admit that either Gen. GRANT or Gov. Seward should withdraw from the Presidential canvass. They appreciate no doubt, as we do, the vast benefits that would result to the whole country, and especially to the distracted South, from the unanimous election of a Chief Magistrate at this novel emergency. Of course, from their standpoint they argue in favor of the withdrawal of Gen. GRANT rather than Gov. SEYMOUR.

Assuming, then, that the *Express*, in unison not only with THE SUN, but with a large number of influential journals of both parties, has arrived at the conclusion that the national crisis is so unprecedented as to demand extraordinary sacrifices on the part of public men, the only question to be discussed is, which candidate will withdraw. Gov. SEYMOUR or Gen. GRANT? It has seemed to us that, in view of the fact of the inevitable defeat that awaits Gov. Seward if he remains in the field, it will be much easier to induce him to retire than to persuade Gen. GRANT to abandon a victory that he already feels to be within his grasp. Though the generous nature and modest pretensions of Gen. GRANT would incline him to concede much to the wishes of his friends, yet, as politicians are invariably selfish, we could hardly expect the Republicans, with a great triumph immediately before them, to enter upon the task of trying to extort a surrender from a man who has been accustomed to fight his battles through to the end.

Now do the two candidates occupy equal grounds in another respect. Gov. SEYMOUR has never pretended to be a Republican. Gen. GRANT has never voted any but a Democratic ticket. It would be much easier, therefore, to persuade the Democrats to go over to GRANT than to induce the Republicans to support him.

We say this with the more emphasis because we have been impeded by enemies of Mr. RAPPERTY, upon whose honesty we relied. They assured us that he was hostile to the attempt of the workingmen to protect themselves and advance their interests by means of Trades Unions. They brought what we regard as good evidence to prove that he had persecuted men and cast them into prison for no other reason than that they were members of such organizations. This evidence, however, will not stand the test. We have examined the facts, and are convinced that the charge against Mr. RAPPERTY of hostility to Trades Unions cannot be maintained, because it is not true.

It is impossible for a newspaper always to escape such suspicion. No one can help being sometimes deceived. But we give notice to all parties that such deception will not be easy to practice upon THE SUN, and that when the truth finally develops in such cases, it shall be fully set forth in our columns, no matter whom it may have or what schemes it may defeat.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE DEMOCRACY.

We trust that our Democratic friends will look upon the defeat which now seems to stare them full in the face in the spirit of true philosophy.

Many considerate reflections suggest themselves. The first and chief one is that, though the Democracy is nominally defeated, yet true Democratic principles achieve a signal triumph in the election of Gen. GRANT.

As to Gov. Seward, his enemies have accused him of such an hereditary tendency to insanity that, as they say, he would easily go mad in the White House. He will have an opportunity to show that he is not mad at being kept out of it. Let him stay at home and rest; that even the rioters are his friends, and keep cool in the summer eating watermelons. He may be the letter of Gen. Dix, with the title, "This most unkind of all."

Judge LORR can console himself with the reflection that if he did defeat, by his own unpopularity, the nomination of his friend MURPHY, it was just as well, for MURPHY would not have been elected if he had got the nomination. Judge CRUMMER can publish an opinion that the question of the election of Governor was only collaterally before the people this fall, and could not properly be decided in any issue of this election.

The Germans will continue to rejoice that MURPHY was not nominated; and the Irish will pay them back with joy that HOPKINS is not elected. All will be jolly.

If any Democrat has a lingering particle of spiteful feeling left at the majority to be rolled up in GRISWOLD, he can gratify it in the reflection that it might have been much larger had MARSHALL O'BRIEN been the Republican candidate.

The eruditely and eloquent THOMAS will write a letter, covering twelve pages—foolscap, to his friend CUTTING, congratulating him that they are spared the painful necessity of running against each other for the United States Senate.

There will be considerable sacrifice on the large Democratic banners, which are said to have cost three hundred dollars apiece, and which will command but a very small price after the election from the extreme improbability that the candidates will ever run again.

But the banners will make good paper rags. Chemicals will take the names of Seymour and Blair and Hoffman off them, and they will be ground into pulp—it is a very curious process—and more starch put to them than SEYMOUR ever had in him, ac-

cording to Gen. DIX, and they will be sold to THE SUN—and what a charming newspaper they will make! If victory has its pleasures, defeat has its comforting reflections. Fortunately, men of all parties can cheer their spirits with a good newspaper. Two cents will make any man happy; for with that sum he can buy a sign.

The One Thing for Gen. Grant to do.

If Gen. GRANT lives until November, he will, almost beyond a doubt, be the President-elect of the United States; and if he lives until the fourth of March next, he will be in the White House. He seems as likely to live so far as his age; for he is healthy and hearty, and, with the news from Vermont and Maine, must have a good appetite and good digestion. There are no extraordinary dangers to which he is exposed. The spirit which led to the assassination of Lincoln could hardly speculate upon any advantage to be derived from the assassination of GRANT. Mr. COFLAX would not bid fair to prove a second Johnson.

What will Gen. GRANT pursue when he becomes President?

His conduct of military affairs was characterized by clear, strong common sense. It is reasonable to suppose that his administration of civil affairs will be likewise.

Some people say that Gen. GRANT will have a very difficult part to act as President, on account of the multiplicity of vexed and knotty questions which he will have to deal with. We sincerely regret it, and beg that Col. DIXON will not regard this as implying any disrespect for him. We will, trust, be ready to serve as his agents in this office, to help him in his work.

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We tender a respectful apology to Col. DIXON, late of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and now the principal editor of that stirring Democratic organ, the *Record and Violinist* of this city. Some reporter of ours, in giving an account of a great Democratic mass meeting in Jersey City on the 22d ult., at which Col. DIXON was one of the speakers, not being successful in catching his name, spoke of the gallant Colonel as "another man." In the haste of printing the report, at a late hour of the night, this inaccurate phrase was inadvertently allowed to pass. We sincerely regret it, and beg that Col. DIXON will not regard this as implying any disrespect for him. We will, trust, be ready to prove a second Johnson.

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